

GENERAL STUDIES PAPER 1

4 Marks ques, 60 Words

1. Examine critically the concept of cultural heritage.
2. Why did the congress accept the Partition of India?
3. How has the Treaty of Versailles changed the boundaries of countries?
4. What changes have taken place in Socialism after Second World War?
5. Explain briefly Disaster management Act, 2005.
6. Define cloud burst.
7. What is Karst topography?
8. Briefly describe the policies for Women empowerment in India.
9. Highlight briefly the components of RTE 2009 related to education of children from Scheduled Castes.
10. Explain Gandhian concept of satyagraha.
11. Which ancient literary sources find reference to Kuluta(Kulu) region of HP?
12. Identify 3 considerations on which the British policy towards the Shimla Hill States was based.
13. Enumerate any four public welfare schemes executed by Raja Bhuri Singh of Chamba princely state.
14. What are main horticulture products of Kinnaur and Lahaul-Spiti regions of HP?
15. Describe main festivals of Gaddis of HP.

8 Marks ques, 120 words

16. Mahaballipuram marks the culmination of Rock-cut architecture in Early India. Elucidate
17. Examine critically the features of de-colonisation.
18. Critically examine the 'animistic' and 'naturalistic' theories of religion.
19. Explain types of drainage system in Peninsular India.
20. What are controlling factors of Indian climate?
21. Discuss the concept of globalization & its impact on Indian society.
22. Distinguish b/w natural & manmade disasters.
23. How did invitation to the Gurukhas by Raja Mahan Chand of Kehlur changed the entire course of history of Shimla & Punjab hill states.
24. On basis of topography & altitude which are the major geographical zones in HP?
25. Which are the main industrial areas in HP & which are the major industries in them?

20 Marks ques, 400 words

26. The Congress agenda of national unity was undermined by the events of b/w 1937 & 1939. Also highlight the Congress responsibility for it.

27. Explain India's unity in diversity and diversity in unity. Give suitable examples from the socio-cultural life of the people in India.
28. Explain major agrarian unrests in the Shimla Hill States during the colonial era.

GENERAL STUDIES PAPER 2

4 Marks ques, 60 Words

1. What are the philosophical moorings of Indian Constitution?
2. What are discretionary powers of the Governor of a State?
3. What is token cut motion?
4. What are the limitations of NGOs?
5. What is Parivarik Mahila Lok Adalat (PMLA)?
6. What are legal rights of the senior citizens under the Senior Citizens Act, 2007?
7. What is 'Act East Policy' of India?
8. What do you mean by democratization of UN?
9. What are the main highlights of India-Israel strategic partnership?
10. What is stand of India & China over Doklam issue?
11. Under the HP Lokayukta Act of 1983, what are eligibility conditions for the appointment of Lokayukta?
12. For the village level functionaries of which department of HP it is mandatory to attend the meetings of Gram Sabha in whose jurisdiction they are posted?
13. What has been performance of the Congress & the BJP in the 2012 HP Vidhan Sabha elections in terms of vote polled & seats won?
14. What help is being provided under the Mukhamantri Bal Uddhar Yojana to children who need care, protection & rehabilitation?
15. What are main activities of National Mission on sustainable agriculture (NMSA) in HP?

8 Marks ques, 120 words

16. What is parliamentary sovereignty? Do you think Indian parliament is sovereign?
17. What are the voluntary provisions of the 73rd Constitutional Amendment?
18. Do you agree with the view that SHG are more devoted to the task of reducing sufferings of the poor than the government agencies?
19. Examine the role of Civil Society in promoting people centric-governance.
20. Discuss India's policy towards Indo-Pacific region.
21. What is the importance of energy security in India's foreign policy?
22. Describe the basic facets of India's 'extended neighborhood' policy?
23. What was the Pajhota agitation of 1942 in the Sirmaur princely state?

24. On what grounds can penalties be imposed by the HP State Information Commissioner on the Public Information Officers of the state?
25. What activities have been completed in HP under the e-district project upto 2016-17 fiscal?

20 Marks ques, 400 words

26. Financial relations between the Union and the States are one of the key areas of contention in Indian Federation. Examine.
27. Can India be acknowledged as a major global power in the light of its 'hard' & 'soft' power capabilities?
28. Trace the journey of HP from Chief Commissioner's Province in 1948 to full statehood in 1971.

GENERAL STUDIES PAPER 3

4 Marks ques,60 Words

1. Briefly explain salient features of FRBM Act,2003
2. Explain role of MGNREGS as an instrument for poverty eradication.
3. Outline role of WTO as facilitator for international trade.
4. What is demographic dividend? Explain it in Indian context.
5. Explain role of NITI Aayog in recent policy formulation in India.
6. List the various parameters used in preparing Soil Health Card.
7. What are main features of the Paris Agreement on climate change?
8. Explain concept of Biosphere reserve.
9. Write about targets of Indian government for the generation of renewable energy from different sources.
10. What is the objective of the launch of South Asian satellite by India?
11. In what way does the tourism contribute to economic development in HP?
12. How are farmers classified into various categories like marginal, small and large etc in HP?
13. What is HP Forest Ecosystem climate proofing project?
14. What major considerations have led the HP Govt to forgo the harnessing of nearly 3436 MW harnessable hydro power in state?
15. What are objectives of Elementary education policies of HP Govt?

8 Marks ques, 120 words

16. What is 'Make in India' initiative? Does this initiative have the potential to transform India's manufacturing sector? Explain critically.

17. What do you understand by term inclusive growth? What are the major policy initiatives undertaken by GOI for achieving inclusive growth?
18. Explain main characteristics of Indian economy as an emerging economy.
19. Give an account of the strategies for efficient use of irrigation water for sustainable agriculture practice.
20. Discuss salient features of Biological diversity act,2002
21. What is current status of nuclear energy programme in India? Discuss the significance of India-US nuclear deal?
22. Explain science of climate change. What are factors responsible for the decline of bio-diversity in HP?
23. What factors are responsible for decline of biodiversity in HP?
24. Comment on proposition that the economy of HP has constantly shown shift from agricultural sector to industry & services in terms of contribution to the state's GDP.
25. Write a short note on HP state's non-tax revenue sources. What percentage of total revenue receipts did it contribute during 2016-17 fiscal?

20 Marks ques, 400 words

26. What were main objectives of demonetization scheme of 2016? How far these objectives were achieved? Analyze critically its impacts on Indian economy
27. Highlight main achievements of India's space programme since inception.
28. Describe the major milestones in land reforms in HP since 1951-52